

EAP 223 Academic Reading – Outside Reader: *Things Fall Apart*
PREREADING STUDY GUIDE – Chapters 11-13

Study Questions for Chapters 11-13 Use these questions to guide you through reading this section. Document your answers on this sheet to help you study for the quiz.

1. What did Chielo want with Ezinma?
2. What did Ekwefi do?
3. What did Okonkwo do when Chielo took Ezinma?
4. What was the purpose of the *uri* ceremony?
5. What was the significance in the amount of wine the family brought?
6. What happened at the end of the ceremony?
7. Describe Ezeudu's funeral.
8. How did the author describe a man's life?
9. What happened during the frenzy?
10. What was the result of Okonkwo's action?
11. What was the reason for the clan's actions against Okonkwo?
12. What did Obierika think about after this calamity, and what was his conclusion?

Vocabulary for Chapters 11-13

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues.

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Use any clues you can find in the sentence, combined with your prior knowledge, to understand the italicized words.

1. The night was *impenetrably* dark.
2. Nwayieke lived four compounds away, and she was *notorious* for her late cooking.
3. Nothing that happened in the world of animals ever escaped his notice; he was full of *cunning*.
4. His speech was so *eloquent* that all the birds were glad they brought him, and nodded their heads in approval of all he said.
5. After kola nuts had been presented and eaten, the people of the sky set before their guests the most *delectable* dishes Tortoise had ever seen or dreamed of.
6. But Ekwefi did not hear these *consolations*.
7. She hit her left foot against an outcropped root, and terror seized her. It was an ill *omen*.
8. Fireflies went about with their tiny green lamps, which only made the darkness more *profound*.
9. She remembered that night, long ago, when she had seen *Ogbu-agali-odu*, one of those evil *essences* loose upon the world by the potent “medicines” which the tribe had made....
10. The priestess’s voice came at longer *intervals* now, but its vigor was undiminished.
11. Ekwefi could now *discern* the figure of the priestess and her burden.
12. It was only on his fourth trip that he had found Ekwefi, and by then he had become *gravely* worried.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. impenetrably | A. not able to be entered or pierced |
| ___ 2. notorious | B. delightful; delicious |
| ___ 3. cunning | C. spiritual or incorporeal entities |
| ___ 4. eloquent | D. known widely and usually unfavorably |
| ___ 5. delectable | E. words of comfort |
| ___ 6. consolations | F. time between two specified instants |
| ___ 7. omen | G. skill in deception |
| ___ 8. profound | H. prophetic sign |
| ___ 9. essences | I. distinguish; perceive |
| ___ 10. intervals | J. expressive; persuasive |
| ___ 11. discern | K. deep; complete |
| ___ 12. gravely | L. serious |